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SUBJECT: DHEW/OHDS/RSA/SFCP - RESEARCH DEMONSTRATION TRAIN-
ING CENTER FOR HEARING DISABLED IN GUINEA

REFERENCE: STATE 214704, CONAKRY 1657

1. THE REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ADVISES
EMBASSY THAT THE PROJECT "RESEARCH, DEMONSTRATION AND
TRAINING CENTER FOR HEARING DISABLED IN GUINEA" HAS BEEN
APPROVED AND SIGNED AND IS NOW WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FOR TRANSLATION FROM ENGLISH TO FRENCH. UPON COMPLETION OF
TRANSLATION AND SIGNING OF FRENCH VERSION, PROJECT PROTOCOL
WILL BE FORWARDED TO EMBASSY FOR FINAL SIGNATURES FROM GOG
OFFICIALS AND RETURNED SIGNED COPIES TO RSA OFFICE, AS
INDICATED IN THE MATERIAL BEING FORWARDED. DISCUSSION OF
OTHER POINTS IN REFTTEL HAS EMPHASIZED FOLLOWING POINTS:
CONSTRUCTION HINTS - DIFFICULT FOR SIMPLE CONSTRUCTION
HINTS TO BE MADE WITHOUT BEING PRESENT IN COUNTRY AND

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LACKING SPECIFIC INFORMATION AS TO REQUIREMENTS FROM
GUINEANS. SIMPLE CONSTRUCTION HINTS ARE BEING FORWARDED
WITH SKETCHES THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS SUGGESTIONS
ONLY. EQUIPMENT - PROCUREMENT OF SUITABLE EQUIPMENT SHOULD
AWAIT ARRIVAL OF U.S. SPECIALIST TO CONAKRY IF POSSIBLE.

AGENCY NEEDS TO KNOW IF ELECTRIC CURRENT WILL BE

ACCEPTABLE FOR AMERICAN EQUIPMENT OR ONLY FOR FRENCH MADE EQUIPMENT. CAN ELECTRIC CURRENT BE CONVERTED, IF NOT CURRENTLY SUITABLE. PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR SHIPPING THE PORTABLE SOUND CHAMBER AS DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY. WHILE BUDGET FOR PERSONNEL AND OVERALL PROJECT SEEMS HIGH, LITTLE PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR U.S. SPECIALIST(S). SUGGEST EMBASSY APPROACH GUINEANS TO SEEK LODGING, LOCAL TRANSPORT AND 5000 SYLIS PER MONTH FOR VISITING SPECIALIST(S), AS SUGGESTED. FOOD FURNISHED BY EMBASSY WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL. RSA HOPEFULLY THROUGH DR. R. HEBER'S EFFORTS HAS LOCATED TRAINING SPECIALIST WHO MAY BE AVAILABLE BY EARLY JANUARY. MR. RICHARD LECLAIR, SPECIALIST IN REHABILITATION ENGINEERING FROM RSA STAFF, WILL GO TO CONAKRY IN JANUARY ALSO TO ASSIST WITH FINAL PLANNING, AND CONSULTATION RELATIVE TO CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE HEBER PRECEDE THE ARRIVAL OF THE BOTH MR. LECLAIR AND THE TRAINING SPECIALIST BY SEVERAL WEEKS, IF EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS TO BE PROPER TIMING. DR. BOYCE WILLIAMS, RSA SPECIALIST IN DEAFNESS IS SCHEDULED TO GO TO CONAKRY IN SPRING, 1978. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT MRS. CURTISS AND INSTRUCTOR WILL BE INVITED TO U.S. AFTER PROJECT IS PROPERLY UNDERWAY.

2. RSA APPRECIATES EMBASSY DISCUSSING PROBLEM OF STRETCHING OUT BUDGET OVER TWO OR THREE YEARS WITH GUINEANS. CURRENT PROJECT IS APPROVED FOR THREE YEARS AS PART I.
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FUTURE SUPPORT WILL DEPEND LARGELY ON PROGRESS MADE IN INITIAL PROJECT.

3. RSA IS INTERESTED IN PROGRESS BEING MADE WITH CONSTRUCTION AND OVERALL EFFORTS OF GUINEANS THAT WILL BE HELPFUL TO U.S. PLANNING FOR PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT. RSA IS APPRECIATIVE OF ALL ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE FROM EMBASSY. CHRISTOPHER

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